

REMARKS

The above amendments are submitted as a supplement to the previously submitted Amendment and Response dated March 1, 2005. Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 7 are hereby amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims.

In a telephone call on March 17, 2005, the examiner expressed some concern regarding the phrase "separately connected" in claims 1 and 7, as previously amended. In response, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 7 to more particularly define their invention. .

Applicants respectfully suggest the claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request a Notice of Allowability be issued. If there are any questions relating to this paper, or the application as a whole, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned so that allowance of the claims may be facilitated.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1540.

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